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- 1. GEORGE GABRIEL, SECRETARY, PLANNING BOARD FOR OCEAN SHIPPING (PBOS) IN DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY ASKS EMBOFF FOR A US POSITION ON THE FOLLOWING. AT THE SENIOR COMMITTEE MEETING IN BRUSSELS, DEC. 12-14, DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE HILEX VI. IN DOCUMENT AC 98/D684 PARAGRAPH 14(K) THERE IS A SUGGESTION THAT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING STAFFS FOR OCEAN SHIPPING SHOULD BE EXERCISED TOGETHER. THERE IS A HEADQUARTERS IN THE US AND IN THE UK, THUS THE SUBJECT IS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THE UK BELIEVES IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO EXERCISE THESE STAFFS AT THIS TIME AND AT THE SENIOR COMMITTEE MEETING, INTENDS TO TABLE THE SUGGESTION THAT SOME OTHER CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING STAFF, SUCH AS CENTRAL SUPPLY AGENCY OR PBEIST BE EXERCISED IN HILEX VI.
- 2. GABRIEL WOULD LIKE TO INFORM US OF THIS CURRENT THINKING AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OUR VIEWS ON THE SUGGESTION. A REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY COB DECEMBER 7.

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